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process, having from February till early April, there was about \$21 million left for A bills. As we finished our process, we ended up coming to the floor with about that amount of money for Since that time, with some amendments that have passed, that actually has increased up to \$25. It is true, as Senator Brown I think started to get into, that that amount of money has been there for A bills for quite a long time and, actually, there's a little more than originally planned. And if you read the Governor's veto, some of that, and I realize some of you have probably been lobbied accordingly, some of your bills are probably implied to be in jeopardy, and there probably isn't room for everything on the...on Final Reading for those bills that have A bills that are already out...they're still out there and may or may not pass. So each of us will have to make those decisions as we continue forward. On the other hand, we, as Appropriations Committee members, have felt, and I have talked about this on the floor before, that we have an obligation to fund the state requirements as current statute intends, and so as we've gone through many of these areas obviously it's probably been a fight forever over A bills or...versus continued operations of state government. the cuts that the vetoes that the Governor did were difficult for us to make a decision not to put them back in, but I think in the spirit of cooperation to some degree I guess, (inaudible) from our part at least, we left most of those vetoes stand and did not recommend overriding, and you can see what some of those are. Some of them are fairly interesting because of substance abuse, alcohol substance abuse, looking at 17 and 18, Arts Council, some other things, we tried hard to really adjust to about a figure of \$5 million. We ended up at... I guess it was \$4.9, we ended up at just a little over \$5 million. That's what shows on your sheet today, \$30 million, if we would override all of these. Minus the half a million that we just left in, we drop to \$25 million. So however you're going to look at it, I don't know, but there's some A bills out there that obviously probably will pass and there's some that probably will not. That decision will be made over the next five days or so. once again, our committee felt that we have a responsibility to do what...there really isn't any other bills, many cases there isn't any other interest in some of these specific points, and so I'm going to go in those. Line 19, family caregivers match: